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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**  
 Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): DAPELO, Aldo; PETRAKIS, Athanasios; PAIZIS, Ioannis; STATHATOS, Ioannis

For: FLEXIBLE FACTORY JOINT FOR METALLIC TUBES WHICH ENCLOSE LOOSELY INSIDE THEM OPTICAL FIBERS AND ITS METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Seventeen (17) pages
- Eight (8) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority

Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). filed in on .  
 Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.  
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Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow

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Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

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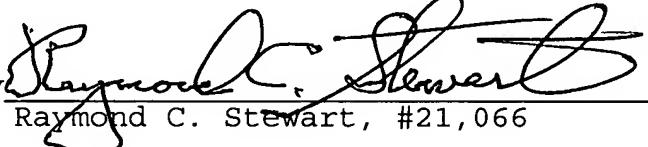
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